Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 05 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 06 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 05 Feb 2021 at 01:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold weather continuing. Lower confidence on frequency and intensity of snow showers over weekend and into next week.

Headline for Friday 05 Feb 2021: Cold and windy with further outbreaks of snow resulting in blizzard conditions

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 05 Feb 2021

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
70%	60%	60%	60%	50%	40%

Forecast for Friday 05 Feb 2021

Weather: Cloudy with further outbreaks of snow. The snow will be most persistant and heavy at times during the morning with blizzard conditions. The snow easing during the afternoon and becoming mostly confined to south and east of area. However blowing of existing snow will continue to hazard in all areas.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance.

Visibility: Extensive cloud cover, well down the hills with blowing snow resulting in whiteout conditions.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	57/69 SE	51/62 SE	49/60 E	46/57 E	45/56 E	41/52 E	40/51 E
900	61/73 SE	53/65 SE	49/61 E	44/54 E	39/49 E	35/44 E	33/42 E
600	42/52 SE	36/48 E	31/41 E	26/35 E	22/31 E	20/29 E	18/26 E
300	13/32 E	12/30 E	12/27 E	12/27 E	12/26 E	12/26 E	11/24 E
Glen	4/22 E	5/22 E	5/22 E	5/20 E	6/22 E	5/20 E	5/19 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-19	-6/-19	-7/-19	-7/-19	-7/-19	-8/-20	-8/-20
900	-2/-14	-3/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15
600	-0/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10
300	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	0/-5	-0/-5	-1/-6	-1/-6
Glen	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	0/-3	-0/-4	-1/-4
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	300m	300m	200m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A hazardous day in the hills due to combination of gale force winds, sub-zero temperatures drifting and blowing snow.

Forecast for Saturday 06 Feb 2021
Weather: Mainly cloudy with further snow showers and temporary blizzard conditions. The showers most frequent and heavy at times over the south and east of area with drier, brighter conditions in the west. Another bitterly cold day with easterly gales leading to drifting of fresh snow and blowing of existing snow.

Maximum wind: Easterly winds with average speeds of 30 to 40mph and gusts 55mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% in west of area, little chance in the east.

Visibility: There will continue be extensive cloud cover well down the hills and blowing snow leading to whiteout conditions. Pockets of good visibility in more sheltered western areas with clouds lifting above a few of the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising briefly to plus 1 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: Temperatures below freezing at most levels.

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